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To His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esq.r Governor
of the State of Vermont &c. &c. &c. –

May it please your Excellency –

Whereas I had the honor of the appointment of Judge of Probate within and for the District of Addison for the present year and was commissioned accordingly – And on consideration I find my business such that I cannot with propriety perform the duties of that office the remaining part of the year – I therefore most humbly request your Excellency to accept of my resignation of the office of Judge of Probate within and for the District of Addison and that some more suitable person may be appointed to that office in my place –

I am (may it please your Excellency)
your Excellency's most Ob.t
Humb.l Serv.t

Ros.ll Hopkins

Jan.y 13th 1791

The above Resignation ~~being~~ accepted ~~the~~ and sent to the General Assembly for the purpose of filling the vacancy

by order of the Gov.r

Jos Fay Sec.y

To his Excellency Thomas Chittenden
Esquire Governor &c

Sir, Under a grateful sense of the honor done me by the Legislature in appointing me (by a choice said to be unanimous) to the high Office of Assistant Judge of the supreme Court, I beg leave most respectfully to communicate to your Excellency and the Council that the peculiar situation of my private affairs connected with my late election as Senator renders it impracticable for me any longer to serve the State as judge —

I do therefore most respectfully resign the Office of Assistant Judge of the supreme Court, and request your Excellency to communicate this my resignation to the Legislature — with sentiments of high respect I am your Excellencys most obedient humble servant — Noah Smith

Bennington 24th Jany 1791 —

His Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esquire Governor &c

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See St. Papers. Vol X p. 274 for letter of Thomas Chittenden to John McDaniel re forwarding certain letters to Gen. Jacob Bayley

Philadelphia 30th march 1791.

Sir,

I have the Honor to ſend you herein encloſed a Collection of the Acts paſsed at the third Seſsion of the Congreſs of the United States of America, and of being with Sentiments of the moſt perfect Respect

Your Excellency's,
Moſt obedient &
Most humble Serv.
Th: Jefferson

His Excellency
The Governor of the State
of Vermont

Rutland Mar. 23. 1791

Sir

I returned from Philadelphia about three weeks since — in the negotiation of our mission we experienced every possible attention and friendly assistance — an act first past admitting Vermont into the union as a State already formed & from the first right=fully possessed of Sovereignty independent of the union — this clearly secures our property vested by former laws — for if we had a right to make laws previous to the union which could vest property the admission cannot have a retrospect to to divest — another act is past allowing us two representatives — we found the former apportionment was one representative to forty thousand — tho after the census there will be one to thirty thousand — a third act passed giving effect to the laws of the union within the State of Vermont

by which Vermont was formed into a district of
the union— these acts were to take effect
on the ~~[illegible]~~ fourth of next March— they were
not enrolled so that certified copies could be
taken— my business would not permit me
to tarry longer— Mr. Morris waited— I hear
he returned last wednesday— and the papers
will be transmitted to you by the Windsor
post— perhaps before this is received— for
which reason I am less explicit— Mr. Smith
I left in Philadelphia— I hear he is appointed
Supervisor of excise for this district— if so
I fancy the business of Senators is ~~[illegible]~~
settled— please to excuse this hasty scrawl—

I am Sir with the sincerest respect
your most obedient servant—

Nathl Chipman

Governor Chittenden

See St. Papers. Vol X p. 274 for letter
of Thomas Chittenden to John McDaniel
re forwarding certain letters to
Gen. Jacob Bayley

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of march 1791

No 1

Philadelphia, 4th April 17

Sir,

In obedience to an Order of the House of Representatives of the United States, I transmit two Copies of the Journal of the proceedings of that House during the late Seſsion of Congreſs, for the use of the Supreme Executive, and Legislature of the State, over which you preside; And have the honor to be,

With due consideration,

Sir,
Your most Obedient,
and Very humble Servant
John Beckley.

Sir

We should have done ourselves the honour of communicating to your Excellency long ere this the reſult of our Commiſsion to Congreſs, had not a variety of circumſtances inter-vened to prevent. We flatter ourſelves that no further apology will be neceſsary, we will therefore refer your Excellency to the diſpatches communicated by the Secretary of State for the ſucceſs of our miſsion, which we flatter ourſelves muſt meet with your approbation.

The ſimple and conciſe terms in which the laws relative to the admiſsion of this State are couched cannot fail of giving you great ſatiſfaction and we cannot sir, in juſtice to ourselves cloſe this communication, without expreſsing the high ſence we entertain of the candour of Congreſs, and the many civilities we received in the discharge of our duty.

We are, with the greateſt reſpect,
Your Excellency's
moſt obedient
humble servants

Rutland
2d May 1791

Nathl Chipman

L. Morris

His Excellency Governor Chittenden

public Service

His Excellency

Governor Chittenden

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Williston —

Chipman's &
Morris Letter 2 May
1791
No 2

Bennington October 10th 1791

Sir

I have the honor of an appointment to the office of Senator by the Legislature of this State to Represent the Sate in the Senate of the United States of America - it is suggested by some persons that the Election was premature if this Should be a Question in the house of Representatives I wish it may be determin'd as soon after the Legislature are Conveen'd as poſsible as the next Seſsion of Congreſs will Commence the last of the present month I am Sir with Sentiments of Respect

your obedient humble

Servant

Moses Robins

To the Speaker of the Honl House of Representatives of Vermont in Seſsion to be Communicated to the Members.

Bennington October 10th 1791

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Moses Robinson

To his Excellency Thomas Chittenden Esquire

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Esquire

at Windsor

Favoured by the
Hon.d Sam.l Safford

Letter from the Hon.e
Moses Robinson Esq.r
re Resigning commis.n
Oct 13 1791

No 12

Sir

To the
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Gideon Olin Esquire
Speaker of the House of Representatives
of the State of Vermont

Letter from Judge Paine

Windsor October ye 19th 1791 —

Sr I find myself wanting in words to express the warm feelings I have of gratitude towards this Honorable general Assembley for the undeserved Honor done me in appointing me Chief Judge of the Supreme Court I am Convinced from the experiance I have for two years past that the office of Judge of the Supreme Court is attended with many and great Difficulties and that the ~~[illegible]~~ number of persons compleatly qualified to fill that place are very few among which number I cannot claime to be reckond however considering the unanimity with which the Choice was made I have excepted the appointment notwithstanding the great Impediment it is to my other buisness and against my Intrest and the Intrest of those who I am under the Strongest ties of human nature to provide for allways esteeming it my greatest happiness to serve my fellow men in that way which is most agreeable to them — and am Determined however my abbilities may be Justly Doubted of that my Integerity and Intentions to do right shall never be Justly questioned

I am Sr your and the
Honorable Assemblies most Obedt
humble
Servt Saml Knight

To Gideon Olcott
Speeker of the ~~House~~ Honle
House of Assembley

own property & serve my Country without reward. — But the State is now in a great measure free from debt — Altho' I know the Legislature will not waste the property of the Citizens; yet I am confident they would wish to make their servants a reasonable compensation. If upon deliberating on the subject they should think proper to make any additions to the pay of the Court it will be gratefully received. — If on the other hand they should think the present pay adequate to the service ~~required~~ I shall with equal pleasure acquiesce, & serve the State to the best of my abilities —

I have the honour to be
Sir, your most
Obedt. humble Servt.
Elijah Paine

Windsor
Octr. 19. 1791.

The Honble Gideon Olin Esqr.
Speaker of the house
of Representatives

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Saml. Knight

Sir

My late election as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, so far as it is a testimony of the approbation of the Legislature of my conduct in that office the year past deserves my warmest acknowledgment. — I have not hesitated in accepting the appointment & have accordingly taken the necessary oath. — I have a greater ambition to serve the State in which I live, while I can do it to their satisfaction, than I have to serve any other Government — For this reason I have not put myself in the way of appointments from any other quarter. — Neither do I now accept of the appointment with which the Legislature have honoured me with a view of Gain. You will however give me leave to observe that the pay of ~~[illegible]~~ your Judges bears but a small proportion to the pay received by the Judges of any of the other States, when the ability of the States is compared. — Were the State still in debt for the expences of the late war I could with pleasure live on my

To

The Honorable
Gideon Olin Esqr
Speaker of the Honorable
House of General Assembly now
Setting at Windsor to bee Communicated
to the Assembly

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Letter from Judge
Knights

To the Honorable General Aſſembly of the State
Vermont, now convened at Windſor.

It is propoſed by Alden, That in caſe the General Aſſembly ſhall ſee fit to confirm to him the ~~right~~ of doing the State Buſineſs on the Eaſt ſide of the Mountain, he will engage, as he may occaſionally be called upon, to print for the State one Whole ſheet of Demi paper, on an Octavo or Quarto page, for the ſum of Forty five ſhillings per ſheet, for any number of ſheets ſo printed; and all other work according to this propoſal.

That he will by means of the poſts employed, diſtribute the Laws and and other neceſſary papers, to the Sheriffs in the ſeveral Counties, free from any expenſe to the State

That the work ſhall at all times be well executed, on a good paper and handſome Types.

That if he has heretofore made high charges, it may be imputed to be an error in education, and the extreme difficulty of proſecuting the Buſineſs in this State more than in others, and not from any deſign injurious to the State or his private patrons, to whom his charges have been correspondent with those uniformly made against the State

That the Vermont Journal, publiſhed by him, has an extenſive circulation thro' the counties of Windham, Windſor, Orange, Addiſon & Chittenden, by which means 1040 copies of the laws will be placed in the hands of the freemen, while the publication is continued in the paper.

That he will also publiſh ~~such~~ Acts as the Legiſlature ſhall direct, in his Newſpaper, Gratis

Alden Spooner

Oct. 21st 1791.

Alden Proposals

Alden Spooner's

Proposals
To the General Assembly